

Year 1: How is Australia different to the UK?

Key Vocabulary	
continent	A very large area of land that includes all the islands with it.
ocean	A large area of sea.
population	The number of people that live in a particular place.
landmark	A well-known building or place.
Australasia	The continent of Australasia is often referred to as just Australia. It has about 28 countries and island groups.
desert	A large area of land that has very little rainfall and where not much grows.
rainforest	A large area of land with lots of tall trees and plenty of rainfall.

Continents

There are seven **continents**: Africa, Antarctica, Asia, **Australasia**, Europe, North America and South America. Some **continents** have many countries, others do not.

World Oceans

There are five **oceans** in the world: the Arctic Ocean, the Atlantic Ocean, the Indian Ocean, the Pacific Ocean and the Southern Ocean.



Europe

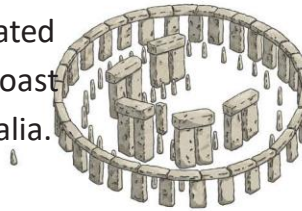
Europe is the second smallest **continent**. It has around 44 countries, including England. About 740 million people live in Europe. It is the third largest **continent** in terms of **population**.



Landmarks

Europe has many famous **landmarks**, including Stonehenge in England, the Matterhorn in Switzerland and the Eiffel Tower in France.

Landmarks in other **continents** include the Yangtze River in China (which is in Asia) and the Great Barrier Reef located off the coast of Australia.



Continent Facts

Half the world's **population** live in Asia.

The largest **desert** in the world (the Sahara) is in Africa.

North America is twice the size of Europe.

Over half of Australia is **desert** or receives little rain.

The Amazon **rainforest** is in South America.

Antarctica is known as the 'frozen continent.'

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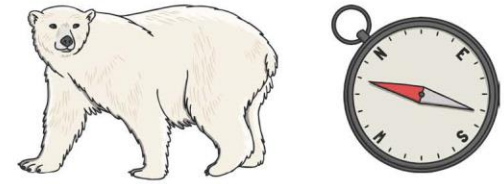
compass	A piece of equipment that tells you what direction you are travelling in. The main compass points are north, south, east and west.
climate	The usual weather conditions of an area.
equator	An imaginary line drawn around the middle of Earth, dividing it into the Northern and Southern Hemispheres.
tropical	Hot and humid.
temperate	Mild weather. Neither very hot nor very cold.
capital city	An important city, often where the government works.
currency	The money used in a country.
cuisine	Traditional food of a country.
aerial	Seen from above.

Climate

Countries around the world have different **climates**. **Climates** can be sorted into the following zones: warm, cold (or polar), **tropical** and **temperate**. Countries near the equator tend to have a hotter **climate**. Different animals are better suited to living in countries with a particular **climate**.

Planning a Journey

When people plan a journey, they might use maps and a **compass** to help them. You can record a journey on a map using a journey line.



Australasia

Australasia is the smallest **continent**. It has around 14 countries, including Australia, New Zealand and many islands. About 25 million people live in Australasia. Australia is the biggest country in Australasia. The **capital city** is Canberra.

Landmarks

We can look at **aerial** photos of places and see different features. Some Australian landmarks are the Sydney Opera house and the Great Barrier Reef.



Continent Facts

Natural features include caves, rocks, cliffs, forests and mountains. Natural features are sometimes called 'physical features.'

Features made by people include bridges, buildings and roads.

These features are sometimes called 'human features.'

